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BULL MOOSE TOUR THE COUNTY

**Progressive's Candidates
Speak in Many Towns
of the County Friday**

SMALL CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

**Paw Paw Turns Out About 100 Strong
to Listen to Arguments of the
Candidates.**

Last Friday at about 1 o'clock the inhabitants of this village were set agog by the ringing of a bell. It was not a very business-like sounding bell—a little more vigorous than a scissors grinder and considerably less excitable than the fire bell, but as we can compare it to nothing else, we will say about like an invitation to an ordinary auction, or perhaps like the old fashioned call for school before the advent of the modern bell. The reporter needs some clothes, and needs them badly, and thinking it might be a street auction, up the street he strolled, and when he came to a small crowd of people he stopped to see what was on, and lo, the curfew had done the business. Here was a pitiful handful of men, say about 100 all told, intent upon learning just how it was done at Chicago and just what the outcome will be if you "vote that way." This gathering was in commemoration of the once adored Teddy and the scheduled meeting of the "Bull Moose" party in their swing about the county.

State Senator Whitney Watkins, progressive candidate for governor of Michigan, made a speech to the people in which he endeavored to impress upon their minds that the farmer candidate is a man to save the country. Mr. Watkins is a farmer and he is also a state senator and is well qualified no doubt to fulfill the requirements of either field, but it is doubtful if he can persuade enough people of the state to accept his theory that he is just the man for governor.

The speaking took place on the corner of Kalamazoo and Main streets. Above on a large banner were the smiling faces of the standard bearers of the Bull Moose party, but beyond and above this banner looking from a front window was seen the serious countenance of President Taft in a large picture.

Mr. Watkins was accompanied by Hon. Geo. M. Valentine of Benton Harbor, candidate for congress on the same ticket; Fred M. Knolls of Hamilton, who aspires to a seat in the lower house of Michigan's law-makers; Geo. H. Myhan of South Haven, county chairman of the Bull Moose party, who acted in the capacity of "bull wether" of the party and introduced the various speakers. "We are fighting this battle for humanity's sake," he said in a very forceful and dramatic manner, by way of introduction. In the party were the other candidates on this ticket for the various county offices.

BELLE BAKER TAKEN TO SOUTH HAVEN

**Woman Wanted in Many Places
Apprehended in Holland and Brought
Here.**

Deputy Sheriff Cone went to South Haven, Tuesday morning. He had in his charge Belle Baker, the little woman who has been a source of trouble to officers not only here, but in numerous places. She is wanted at South Haven, Otsego, Coldwater, Battle Creek and in fact she is popular over a goodly territory. She has been traveling around for some time with a man who calls himself Frank Baker, and she claims to be his wife. They go from town to town and engage board, or get work of some kind, but always manage to come into possession of property belonging to someone else before they take their departure.

The couple were apprehended last night in Holland by an officer of that city and turned over to the chief of police of South Haven. They were taken immediately to the latter place where the man was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail on the charge of jumping a bond bill.

The woman is a thief and has been charged with grand larceny. They will undoubtedly be given the limit of the law as they are a dangerous pair to have at large.

RECEIVED HER FRIENDS.

Mrs. B. L. Sowle entertained the two ladies' clubs Wednesday afternoon at her home. Bridge was enjoyed and the afternoon will be pleasantly remembered by those present. There were sixteen present.

STATISTICS GIVEN ON SCHOOL PUPILS

Through an investigation made by the superintendent for the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., the following information has been obtained: 1. Questions were put to all students in the high school, namely: Do you expect to go to college? If so, what course do you expect to pursue in college?

Out of a total of 141 students present 130 responded in the following manner: Forty-two persons, 16 boys and 26 girls, do not expect to attend college; 28 boys and 12 girls are undecided whether or not they will go to institutions of higher learning; 25 boys expect to attend some university and study as follows: 7 to take the agricultural course; 9 to take some form of engineering, either civil, electrical or mechanical; one wants to study wireless telegraphy; four desire to become physicians and surgeons; two want to become lawyers, and three desire to take the classical course with the view of becoming teachers; only 13 girls expect to attend a university, and of these eight expect to specialize in music, while the remaining five hope to complete the classical course and become teachers; only one boy expects to attend Normal; 15 girls aspire to the same course, three of them to specialize in domestic science; two other girls hope to become professional nurses; three boys and one girl desire to attend business colleges, while six other boys and five girls expect to attend some sort of an institution of higher learning, but are as yet undecided as to just what course they may desire.

To what extent is this data significant in forecasting the future career of Paw Paw high school boys and girls?

FAIR MEETING HELD WED. NIGHT

**Arrangements Are Being
Completed and Pros-
pects Are Good.**

Another meeting of the Fair association was held at the council rooms Wednesday night and further plans made for the coming attraction next month. It is very gratifying to the ones who have the thing in charge to meet with such hearty co-operation on every side. Everyone wants to have a fair and all are anxious to do their share toward making it a success. Success means combined effort, and the men and women who have undertaken to carry through the suggestion first made, that we have a fair, are working to that end with a will.

Nearly all the booths have been spoken for and the business of the town will be well represented. The committees on sports have arranged for three ball games, two with Dowagiac and one with Bloomingdale. Music will be furnished by our home band every afternoon and evening.

The social event of the week will be the wedding which will take place. M. L. Decker, the one who has this feature in charge, assures us that this will be one of the most interesting attractions, and has made every effort possible to bring it about. Two couples have signified their willingness to accept the generous offer made by the citizens in the way of prizes, and several others who are contemplating the step are also giving it proper consideration. The first applicants will be the favored ones, but in case they decline, the next in line will be considered.

Contributions are coming in rapidly and numerous country people have offered to donate produce, but have not designated the articles. Donations are hereby solicited and the committee will fully appreciate any favors forthcoming.

MEMORIAL HALL NEARING COMPLETION

Work on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial hall is progressing rapidly. The walls are nearly finished and will soon be ready for the roof. It will be completed and dedicated in November. An important feature of the hall will be a public reading room. A selected library of nearly 5,000 volumes will be placed on the shelves. The benefit cannot be estimated. All will be welcome, and the room will be open at all times. It is hoped that the citizens will contribute liberally, as they have done heretofore, in support of this, and any contributions from outside will be gladly received. Anyone wishing to help in this project will please notify Wm. Killefer or W. R. Sirrine.

Mrs. Joe Buckhout of Kalamazoo was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Coy, Wednesday night.

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC STATE CONVENTION IN MANY YEARS

**Hon. Patrick H. Kelley in Ringing Speech Sounds
Keynote of Campaign. Bringing Convention to
its Feet Repeatedly.**

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE, SLOGAN OF THE CAMPAIGN

**Country in Era of Unprecedented Prosperity Under Republican Rule. To
Desert Party Now Would Precipitate a National Calamity. Praise Heard
on all Sides.**

Hon. P. H. Kelley covered himself with glory in the state convention at Detroit on Monday, and proved his worth to the republican party and to his state.

Never in the history of the republican party in Michigan has a greater unanimity of sentiment, greater enthusiasm or greater spirit been shown. The convention, was one of the largest held in years, there being 1,468 delegates present in the convention. The old fighting spirit which has carried the party through many a hard fought battle was manifest everywhere. There was no halfheartedness about it, and it was no place for a traitor to the party, that has given the country such unprecedented progress and prosperity during the past fifty years. "Let well enough alone" seemed to be the slogan of the convention and if there were any present who had even the slightest intention of voting against the nominees of the party, national, state and county, he would now hang his head in shame.

Hon. P. H. Kelley as chairman of the convention sounded the keynote of the campaign and made the best speech of his career.

Mr. Kelley is always an orator, always forceful and always liked, but he outdid himself and raised the convention to its feet time after time as he propounded the principles of the republican party, rehearsed its achievements and demanded that for the welfare of the nation, the republican ticket from President Taft to coroner in the several counties be elected in November.

Mr. Kelley in his remarks purposely refrained from mentioning the names of the candidates and said so, giving his reasons. He declared that the republican party was a party of principles and not of men, and that those principles are greater and of more importance than any man.

Mr. Kelley said in part:

"The republican party has guided the destinies of this country and this state almost continuously for more than half a century. It again asks the people to continue it in power. It does not come as a stranger at your gates, extravagant of promises, begging only for a chance to try its hands, but sobered by 50 years of leadership and responsibility it is careful of its promises and points to its accomplishments of yesterday as evidence of its capacity and good faith for tomorrow. It is not my purpose here to review its achievements further than to say that the story of our development for 50 years under republican rule is more wonderful than the stories of the Arabian Nights."

"When the republican party came into power, our country was groping about in the valley of the shadow. The hour had arrived when we must decide whether this nation should be all slave or all free, and under leadership inspired by God we made it all free. That's where this country stood when the republican party came into power. Close your eyes, my fellow countrymen, and try to think of the picture of your country then and now."

The Party of the People.

"But our critics charge that the republican party has changed; that it has lost its love for humanity; that it does not believe in popular government now and that it lacks confidence in the judgment of the people. My answer is that the republican party, typical in that regard of our people as a whole, has year by year proven its faith in popular rule, first by doing its utmost to prepare our people, both native and foreign born, for the duties of citizenship and second, by providing the necessary machinery whereby the people's will may be recorded."

"In our own state without regard to party we have accepted as our own those living words from the Ordinance of 1787: 'Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.'"

Fifty Years of Progressivism.

"In 50 years of republican rule we have spent upwards of \$300,000,000 for common schools in this state alone. We are spending annually in this country for common schools upwards of \$450,000,000, or \$100,000,000 annually more than it will cost to construct and equip the Panama canal. The republican party and our people as a whole, regardless of party, know that free schools and free government go up and down the scale together and that we cannot have the one without the other."

"After free schools the next requisite of free government is the secret ballot. There can be no such thing as a fair expression of the public without the secret ballot. The republican party stands for the secret ballot. It gave the people of Michigan the Australian ballot in 1889 and since that time every voter in the state has been free to cast his ballot without intimidation or fear of persecution."

"The right of the people to administer their local affairs without undue interference from without is a cardinal principle of popular rule. Our constitutional convention of 1908 composed almost wholly of republicans, provided for home rule for cities and other municipalities of this state. Michigan is among the first of all the states of the Union to inaugurate their great reform. The legislature of 1907, the last under our old constitution passed upwards of 450 laws regulating the local affairs of particular localities. This power has been taken away from the legislature and cities, villages, townships and counties may now administer their own purely local affairs under general laws, thereby destroying for all time in Michigan the possibility of giving away franchise or forcing upon any community ill-advised or hasty legislation without its knowledge or consent. Under proper safeguards cities may own and operate their public facilities."

First With Live Issues.

"The initiative, the referendum, and the recall may be introduced into municipal government with the attendant advantages of the short ballot and fewer elective officers, as suggested by President Taft in his letter of acceptance."

"During the past five or six years we have developed the system of direct nomination until it now includes United States senators, governor, lieutenant-governor, members of congress, members of the state legislature, circuit judges and county officials."

"An amendment has recently been proposed to the federal constitution and submitted to the several states providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The platform of the republican party of this state adopted in September, 1910, declared in favor of popular election of senators, and republican members of congress from Michigan have uniformly voted in favor of the proposition whenever presented for the past 20 years."

"The present state legislature enacted a presidential preference law and hereafter delegates to national conventions from this state will act under instructions from the people. So far, therefore, nothing will stand between the voters of any party and the free expression of their choice of candidates for practically every elective office of the government from president of the United States to coroner of the county."

"Who shall say that this marvelous progress which self government has been making all the world around, particularly during the last 15 years of republican rule in America, has not at least been inspired by our example and cheered on by what we have been doing here under the American flag."

Michigan Even the Leader

"But it is said that this is an era of social and industrial injustice and that the conscience of the country is aroused. It is said that the greatest problem of the hour is the conversation of humanity and that the highest function of the government is to better the conditions of the common men."

"With this splendid doctrine the republican party always has been in hearty accord. I am making no idle boast when I assert that the republican party has done more in the 50 years of its existence to better the conditions of the common man than any other political organization that has ever existed in any age or in any land."

"A few days ago a distinguished governor of a western state made a trip through Michigan by special train in behalf of a new party. Among other things he told our people here in Michigan of the evils of child labor. He pointed out the deplorable fact that even under our flag two million children of tender years who ought to be in school are employed at a mere pittance in the mills and factories of this country and that their little lives are being sacrificed to swell the profits of greed. As he addressed the people of our

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RECEPTION GIVEN FOR BRIDE AND GROOM

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes entertained a large number of neighbors and friends last Friday evening, in honor of their only son, Charles, who with his bride are at the family home spending a few days of rest and pleasure before entering upon the wider fields of life.

The lawn and handsome farm house were made most attractive by decorations of Japanese lanterns and many cut flowers.

Miss Florence Kelley presided at the punch bowl and saw that all were served to a delicious drink. Ice cream with the bride's cake and the groom's cake were served in the dining room, which was made very pretty with decorations of green and white. Miss Vesta Grimes, assisted by Miss Bess Harrison, had this feature in charge.

Lyman North added much to the pleasure of the evening by singing several selections. These were highly appreciated as was evident by the hearty applause that followed each number.

The glad event not only marked the reception for Charles and his newly wedded bride, but was also the 30th anniversary of the father's and mother's married life. May the handsome bride and the gallant groom also live to celebrate their 30th mile stone in life together and many more years added to the wish of all friends present. The only thing to mar the happy event was the sickness of the father and groom of 30 years, who was unable to leave his room.

Charles and his wife have the congratulations and best wishes for future happiness of all their Paw Paw friends.

PAW PAW SEEMS PROSPEROUS

**Grape Industry and Can-
ning Factory Keep
South End Busy.**

The south end of town presents an appearance of business and prosperity. The great number of teams standing near the railroad track waiting their turn to draw up to the cars with their big loads of grapes and the delicious odor of the ripe fruit is like a tonic; the string of teams constantly coming in from the country proves that the harvest is here.

The early varieties are of splendid quality and well filled. The fears of the owners of vineyards early in the season on account of so much rain and other unfavorable circumstances, seems to have been unfounded as a rule, and the crop is now promising to be a good one.

The canning factory also contributes to the activity of the business of the south side, as it is running full blast with a force of men and women who are just now canning tomatoes and apples. To anyone who has never been in an institution of this kind it is of the greatest interest. There is such a quantity of canned goods used on the table of the average family that it is a good lesson to see how the food is prepared. The machinery for handling the product from start to finish is very simple, yet wonderful. The fruit, as it goes through the stages of preparation for use, is handled only once, when it is pared and dropped into the cans. The machine then does the rest.

Under the pure food laws there is no chance for anything but a good, wholesome article and the quality of goods put up here is certainly fine.

GRAND RAPIDS BUSI- NESS MEN HERE

The Trade Extension excursion of Grand Rapids, scheduled to reach here Wednesday at 4 p. m., appeared on time and were met at the depot by representative citizens with automobiles, who took them for a drive around the town.

There were 100 in the party, including the Furniture City band of 20 pieces. Every wholesale business of the city was represented, with 36 different lines of trade. The object is to learn the country, meet old trade and create new by coming in contact with the business of their respective lines. The train was made up of four Pullmans, observation car, baggage car and smoker.

Paw Paw has the distinction of being the first town to offer souvenirs to the visitors. Upon visiting the grape juice factory, the proprietor, Arthur Miller, gave out pint bottles of the product of the factory to each one, and thereby they will remember Paw Paw and her enterprising hosts.

The train left for Lawrence at 4:45.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT OCCURRED SUNDAY

**Mrs. Lundy of Buffalo
Badly Injured in Run-
away North of Town**

TEAM FRIGHTENED BY AUTO

**Victims Will Undoubtedly Recover.
Blame is Attached to No
One.**

A serious accident occurred about six miles north of town on the Allegan road last Sunday afternoon, in the vicinity of Plum Hill. George Longwell and family were riding down hill in their auto and a team of horses hitched to a surrey was also going down the incline. Mr. Longwell was driving very slowly and turned to the side of the road and stopped. The driver of the team also turned out and came to a standstill and gave the signal for the machine to pass, whereupon the driver of the auto sounded his gong and slowly descended past the team which stood quietly and undisturbed.

In the meantime another auto came from the opposite direction and passed the team, which was still standing, and no one anticipated any trouble until the team suddenly became frightened and dashed down the hill, overturning the surrey and throwing out the occupants. Mrs. Lundy of Buffalo, who has been the guest of the Van Wiltzen Berg family of Almena, was the one who was so badly injured. She was thrown in such a manner as to strike on her face against the roots of a large tree and was frightfully cut. Her nose was broken and several deep cuts on the face required more than 15 stitches to close.

The accident happened near the Frank Shaefer farm and the victim of the accident was taken to their home. There were seven people in the buggy. A child was slightly hurt, but not seriously, which seems miraculous.

Dr. Charles states that Mrs. Lundy will undoubtedly recover, and in a month's time will be comparatively free from the bad results, but her wounds are very painful and it will be some time before she fully recovers from the nervous shock.

No blame is attached to anyone by the parties concerned and all are filled with regret that such a thing should happen. The patient is slowly gaining at this time.

MRS. DES VOIGNES ENTERTAINS LADIES

**Delightful Afternoon Spent in Cas-
sopolis by a Number of Paw Paw
Ladies.**

Mrs. L. B. Des Voignes of Cassopolis very delightfully entertained 36 of her friends at an elaborate luncheon last week. A number of ladies from Paw Paw attended, driving through in autos and arriving there in time for lunch at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Des Voignes was assisted in receiving and serving by several of her Cassopolis friends. The house was prettily decorated with autumn flowers and was very attractive. Bridge was the diversion of the afternoon.

The following ladies from here were in attendance: Mesdames B. L. Sowle, E. G. Thayer, Ed. Wilsey, Chas. Wilsey, W. F. Hoyt, W. J. Sellick, F. L. Grimes, N. E. Dillie, M. P. French, M. A. Barber, B. F. Warner, H. A. Sherman and Miss Belle Bately of Lawton.

TWO PLAYS AT OPERA HOUSE.

The "Royal Slave," presented at Longwell's opera house last Friday evening by a stock company, was indeed a first-class aggregation of artists. Every member of the cast was right at home in their parts; the costumes and scenery were above the average.

Again we say that it is too bad that when a company of this class and standard comes here that it is not better patronized by the home people. It is rather discouraging to the company and Manager Longwell to even make an effort to amuse and interest the public when they, as a rule, are greeted by such small audiences.

"Little Miss Susan," a comedy in five acts, was given Tuesday evening. This play was not so well received, owing to the small audience. It really ought to have seemed like rehearsal to the cast.

COMRADES, ATTENTION!

The 30th reunion of the 6th Michigan Infantry will be held in A. R. hall in Kalamazoo, October 2, 1912. All members are urged to be present. Don't forget the date.